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GENEVA PLEASE PASS TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, XF, NATO

SUBJ: MIDDLE EAST BRIEFING FOR NAC; ASSISTANT SECRETARY

ATHERTON'S VISIT

REF: A. SECTO 10344(NOTAL)

B. USNATO 4612 (NOTAL)

1. WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON'S VISIT TO NATO AND WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS TO ALLOW US TO PROCEED TO FIRM UP THE SCHEDULE:

2. NAC BRIEFING: ACTING SYG PANSA HAS AGREED TO SCHEDULE SPECIAL NAC MEETING WITH RESTRICTED ATTENDANCE FOR MIDDLE EAST BRIEFING AT 1030 FRIDAY MORNING SEPTEMBER 5. WE HAVE CIRCULATED LETTER TO PERMREPS INFORMING THEM THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON HOPES TO BE ABLE TO BRIEF THEM AT THAT TIME ON SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MIDDLE EAST MISSION.

3. PRESS POLICY: WE ASSUME ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON DOES NOT
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WISH TO MEET WITH CORRESPONDENTS AND WILL RESPOND TO ANY INQUIRIES THAT HIS SCHEDULE WILL NOT PERMIT HIM TO DO SO. WHILE THERE WILL BE NO PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT OF NAC CONSULTATIONS,

WE WOULD PLAN, IF SYG LUNS SUGGESTS, TO GO ALONG WITH USUAL PRACTICE OF BRIEF STATEMENT BY NATO PRESS SPOKESMAN AFTER NAC MEETING TO THE EFFECT THAT NAC DISCUSSED MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON BRIEFED COUNCIL ON THE SECRETARY'S RECENT MISSION.

4. TRANSPORTATION AND SCHEDULE: WE ARE ARRANGING FOR USAF T-39 TO BRING ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND MRS. ATHERTON FROM GENEVA TO BRUSSELS EARLY FRIDAY MORNING SEPTEMBER 5. WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO FIND CONVENIENT ONWARD CONNECTIONS FROM BRUSSELS TO WASHINGTON FRIDAY AFTERNOON, IN PART BECAUSE OF NATIONAL AIRLINES STRIKE. THE BEST ARRANGEMENT WOULD APPEAR TO BE PICK UP PANAM 001 FROM LONDON TO NEW YORK, DESPITE THREE HOUR LAYOVER IN LONDON AND TIGHT ONWARD CONNECTION IN NEW YORK WHICH THIS ENTAILS. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 5 WOULD THUS BE:

0815 DEPART GENEVA ON USAF T-39
0915 ARRIVE BRUSSELS - MELS BROEK - DRIVE DIRECTLY
TO NATO HEADQUARTERS
1015 CALL ON SYG LUNS
1030 NAC BRIEFING
1230(APPROX) CONCLUDE NAC
1300 DEPART NATO HEADQUARTERS FOR AIRPORT (ZAVENTEM)
1345 DEPART BRUSSELS FOR LONDON ON SABENA 607
1445 ARRIVE LONDON HEATHROW
1800 DEPART LONDON FOR NEW YORK (KENNEDY) ON PANAM 001
2030 ARRIVE NEW YORK (KENNEDY)
2135 DEPART NEW YORK (KENNEDY) FOR BALTIMORE
(FRIENDSHIP) ON ALLEGHENY 527
2230 ARRIVE BALTIMORE

5. WE WOULD BE GLAD TO ARRANGE A PROGRAM FOR MRS. ATHERTON IN BRUSSELS AND WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION OF HER WISHES. BRUCE

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